

And the results are in!

Young whippersnapper Calum McKenzie with a handicap of 13 minutes on the lead runner took the title with an awesome display at the reprised Spring Handicap. Having lost out by a minute over the short leg of the National Road Relays to Pilky last week, Calum turned the tables and took exactly a minute out of the long felly over the longer c.10km distance today. Finishing 1minute23seconds ahead of his nearest rival, Steve Blair, Calum was said to be "over the moon" with his performance and reversal of fortunes following his below average display a week prior. Trailing in his wake were a glut of competitors you could have thrown a hankie over - 7 in all, split by a mere 1minute 13seconds. The four remaining athletes traipsed over the line in varying degrees of mud coverage and puddle splashery to complete a memorable return for the Spring Handicap. Spare a thought for the sole surviving entrant from the last long course CAAC handicap, Dave Law, who in 1990 had 22 minutes to make up on Ian Macrae and was a whisker away from doing just that. Dave ran 32.35 that day, a time which has stood the test of an 18 year hiatus and will be tough to beat in the coming years.

The results in full are below.

| Athlete | Predicted Time | Handicap | Number | Position | Finish Time | Actual Time | Rank |
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| Calum McKenzie | 37.00 | 13.00 | 44 | 1 | 47.41 | 34.41 | 2 |
| Steven Blair | 43.10 | 6.50 | 36 | 2 | 49.04 | 42.14 | 10 |
| Ken Stewart | 47.00 | 7.00 | 33 | 3 | 49.06 | 42.06 | 9 |
| Dave Law | 39.00 | 11.00 | 40 | 4 | 49.23 | 38.23 | 5 |
| Alex Cumming | 38.20 | 11.40 | 41 | 5 | 49.30 | 37.50 | 4 |
| Scott Pilkington | 35.55 | 14.05 | 45 | 6 | 49.46 | 35.41 | 3 |
| Keith Hood | 32.50 | 17.10 | 48 | 7 | 50.14 | 33.04 | 1 |
| Corrie Roberts | 50mins | 0.00 | 31 | 8 | 50.17 | 50.17 | 12 |
| Martin Caldwell | 38.00 | 12.00 | 42 | 9 | 50.50 | 38.50 | 6 |
| Bruce Malcolm | 39.41 | 10.19 | 38 | 10 | 51.35 | 41.16 | 8 |
| Andrew MacDonald | 37.00 | 13.00 | 43 | 11 | 52.26 | 39.26 | 7 |
| Tim Norwood | 39.10 | 10.50 | 39 | 12 | 54.03 | 43.13 | 11 |

The organisers express their sincere apologies to Corrie Roberts who ran an extra 200m due to poor marshalling at the fork on the Water of Leith Walkway. I calculate the race distance to be 9.7km and estimate that Corrie's actual time would have been 49.17 pushing her up to 4th in the race finishing order. Sorry Corrie.

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